

**We Claim:**

- 1) A preliminary bonus feature that is completed prior to the completion of an primary casino game comprising the steps of:
  - a) establishing a predetermined probability that the preliminary bonus feature will trigger;
  - b) placing a wager to participate in the primary casino game;
  - c) if the predetermined probability results in the preliminary bonus feature being triggered, the wager being adjusted based on a outcome to the preliminary bonus feature, before the outcome of the primary casino game is determined;
  - d) if the predetermined probability results in the preliminary bonus feature not being triggered, the wager remaining unchanged, before the outcome of the electronic casino game is determined; and,
  - e) a outcome to the electronic casino game being determined with payouts being provided for winning combinations.